

Online Grooming



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Online grooming is when an online predator builds an online relationship with a child with the aim of meeting them in person for the purpose of sexual activity.

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Grooming is a process that has different stages. The predator will befriend and engage the child online, then time is spent sharing stories and building a relationship.

This process enables the predator to find out specific information about the child through friendly conversation. It also makes the child less inclined to speak out because a relationship has been built.

Parental Supervision gets in the way of online predators

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If you believe your child is at immediate risk, or you think they might meet up with an offender call 000. Report any online behaviour that involves child exploitation to the Australian Federal Police www.afp.gov.au



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Lets talk about it!

Some conversation starters
and points to discuss.

- What site or games are you using?
- Who do you like to play online games with?
- Have you met these people in the real world?
- How can you find out if this person is who you think they are?
- Are there ever others that join your games that you've never met before?
- Has anyone online ever asked you for personal information about yourself or your family or friends?
- Has anyone online ever asked to see photos of you?

Let them know that if a stranger has been talking to them online, its important to tell a trusted adult straight away and know that they will not be in trouble.



Many children will not report concerns because they are afraid they'll lose their online privileges or be punished. To increase the likelihood of open and honest discussions with your child, let them know that they wont be disconnected if they choose to come to you with a concern.



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